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Notice of Lifting of Suspension Date:

TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: AGREEMENT SUSPENDING THE COUNTERVIAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION ON STEEL WIRE ROD FROM VENEZUELA (C-307-814)

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TO: CMC DIRECTORS,
PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, IMPORT OPERATIONS

RE: AGREEMENT SUSPENDING THE COUNTERVIAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION ON STEEL WIRE ROD FROM VENEZUELA (C-307-814)

- 1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (COMMERCE) PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER OF 10/22/97 (62 FR 55014) A NOTICE OF ITS SUSPENSION OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION FOR STEEL WIRE ROD FROM VENEZUELA. IMPORTS OF STEEL WIRE ROD FROM VENEZUELA ARE NOW SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SUSPENSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMERCE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA.
- 2. THE MERCHANDISE COVERED BY THIS SUSPENDED INVESTIGATION
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CONSISTS OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL AND ALLOY STEEL PRODUCTS, IN COILS, OF APPROXIMATELY ROUND CROSS SECTION, BETWEEN 5.00 MM (0.20 INCH) AND 19.0 MM (0.75 INCH),INCLUSIVE, IN SOLID CROSS-SECTIONAL DIAMETER. SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED ARE STEEL PRODUCTS POSSESSING THE ABOVE NOTED PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND MEETING THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS) DEFINITIONS FOR (A) STAINLESS STEEL; (B) TOOL STEEL; (C) HIGH NICKEL STEEL; (D) BALL BEARING STEEL; (E) FREE MACHINING STEEL THAT CONTAINS BY WEIGHT 0.03 PERCENT OR MORE OF LEAD, 0.05 PERCENT OR MORE OF BISMUTH, 0.08 PERCENT OR MORE OF SULFUR, MORE THAN 0.4 PERCENT OF PHOSPHORUS, MORE THAN 0.05 PERCENT OF SELENIUM, AND/OR MORE THAN 0.01 PERCENT OF TELLURIUM; OR F) CONCRETE REINFORCING BARS AND RODS.

THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS ARE ALSO EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION:

COILED PRODUCTS 5.50 MM OR LESS IN TRUE DIAMETER WITH AN AVERAGE PARTIAL DECARBURIZATION PER COIL OF NO MORE THAN 70 MICRONS IN DEPTH, NO INCLUSIONS GREATER THAN 20 MICRONS, CONTAINING BY WEIGHT THE FOLLOWING: CARBON GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.68 PERCENT; ALUMINUM LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.005 PERCENT; PHOSPHOROUS PLUS SULFUR LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.040 PERCENT; MAXIMUM COMBINED COPPER, NICKEL AND CHROMIUM CONTENT OF 0.13 PERCENT; AND NITROGEN LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.006 PERCENT. THIS PRODUCT IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "TIRE CORD WIRE ROD."

COILED PRODUCTS 7.9 TO 18 MM IN DIAMETER, WITH A PARTIAL DECARBURIZATION OF 75 MICRONS OR LESS IN DEPTH AND SEAMS NO MORE THAN 75 MICRONS IN DEPTH; CONTAINING 0.48 TO 0.73 PERCENT CARBON BY WEIGHT. THIS PRODUCT IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "VALVE SPRING QUALITY WIRE ROD."

THE PRODUCTS UNDER INVESTIGATION ARE CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE UNDER SUBHEADINGS 7213.91.3000, 7213.91.4500, 7213.91.6000, 7213.99.0030, 7213.99.0090,

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7227.20.0000, AND 7227.90.6050 OF THE HTSUS. ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE.

- 3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 704(F)(2)(B) OF THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930, AS AMENDED ("THE ACT"), AND THE ABOVE-REFERENCED SUSPENSION AGREEMENT, SHIPMENTS OF STEEL WIRE ROD FROM VENEZUELA, ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE ON OR AFTER 10/22/97, SHALL CONTINUE TO BE SUSPENDED BY CUSTOMS, BUT AT A ZERO RATE OF CASH DEPOSIT OR BOND FOR COUNTERVAILING DUTY PURPOSES. THIS SUSPENSION OF LIQUIDATION WILL TERMINATE 20 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE SUSPENSION AGREEMENT OR, IF A REVIEW IS REQUESTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 704(H)(1) OF THE ACT, AT THE COMPLETION OF THAT REVIEW. THEREFORE, THE DEPARTMENT WILL INSTRUCT CUSTOMS TO DISCONTINUE SUSPENSION OF LIQUIDATION OF AFFECTED ENTRIES AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.
- 4. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, PLEASE CONTACT VIA EMAIL, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY CHANNELS, IMPORT OPERATIONS, ANTIDUMPING/COUNTERVAILING DUTY, USING THE ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT ANNE D'ALAURO AT THE OFFICE OF CVD/AD ENFORCEMENT VI, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, (202) 482-2786.
- 5. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

PAUL SCHWARTZ

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\*Party Indicator Value:

I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party